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**Declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union
on Cambodia**

The European Union warmly welcomes the agreement announced on 13 November 1998, on the main elements for the formation of a new coalition government in Cambodia. The EU congratulates the parties on the constructive approach which led to the agreement, and pays tribute to the leadership of King Sihanouk whose role has been crucial for the successful outcome.

The EU hopes that all sides will continue with this positive approach so that the final details of the coalition arrangement can be agreed and a new government installed as soon as possible. The EU, which provided substantial support for the electoral process, will then consider the full resumption of aid to Cambodia to assist the country in its reconstruction. It also looks forward to working with the new Government also on other issues such as human rights and environmental concerns.